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SUBJECT: QUERY FROM B'NAI B'RITH

1. EMBASSY INQUIRIES HAVE SO FAR TURNED UP NO INFORMATION ON THE CASES OF ERNESTO BENADO REJOVISKY AND DR. MARIO SCHRAIER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE CASES AND REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

2. OUR FILES DO, HOWEVER, INCLUDE A CHILEAN ERNESTO BENADO (NO SECOND SURNAME GIVEN) ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1975, WHO IS PROBABLY THE PERSON REFERRED TO IN THE QUERY. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, ERNESTO BENADO IS A MILITANT COMMUNIST WHO WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE CHILEAN LEFT. AS REPORTED IN A SECRET MEMORANDUM FROM ROBERT ZIMMERMAN TO JOSEPH GRUNWALD JULY 23, 1976, BENADO WAS KNOWN TO HAVE HEADED A CHINESE COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN CHILE AND A PRO-CHINESE COMMUNIST SPLINTER GROUP OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1975 BY THE FORMER PERONIST GOVERNMENT AND THERE WAS SOME SPECULATION THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FORCEABLY REPATRIATED TO CHILE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOTHING TO SUPPORT THAT CHARGE, NOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS PRESENT STATUS. THIS INFORMATION ON BENADO IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD USE DISCRETION IN RESPONDING TO RABBI ROSENTHAL.

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